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Classified By: DCM Nancy McEldowney for reasons 1.4 (b) & (d).

[1](#)1. (SBU) Upon receipt of reftels, we contacted the MFA, shared with them the points on reform, and underscored the importance that the USG places on this issue. We subsequently followed up with Tunc Ugdul, head of the MFA's International Political Organizations Department, stressing the importance of strong Turkish support at this juncture.

[1](#)2. (C) Ugdul declared GOT agreement with USG basic principles for management reform and the Peacebuilding Commission, though he wondered about EU opinions. He mused that a strong UN would be most useful to the U.S. at this juncture. We countered that the capacity to achieve reform that would make for an efficient UN would be to everyone's benefit.

[1](#)3. (C) With respect to council size, Ugdul stated that, while the US prefers a smaller Council, the GOT was inclined towards keeping the number the same. When asked about whether the GOT favored the exclusion from membership of countries under sanctions for human rights violations, Ugdul replied that he did not know the GOT's position, but that the GOT could review the situation. He reasoned that with term restrictions, outgoing members would not be eligible for re-election anyway.

[1](#)4. (C) As Turkey seeks a future seat on the UNSC, the GOT has expressed keen interest in securing US support. Ugdul noted that the GOT favored draft resolutions on the working methods of UNSC reform, including that rules of procedure for the body be outlined for the sake of transparency. He doubted the P5 would support such a resolution, however.

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